SPECIAL EDITION

"We believe that in the spirit of teamwork and good will we can come through this together." -- Father Joseph Sellinger, President, Loyola College

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Provost Tom Scheye (above) exblueprints of the building were

Hickey plans to let students make their own room selections for the

Assistant Director of Residence Life Donna Swartwout feels the floor communities of Wynnewood are strong enough to survive the present crisis.

The scaffolding (left) on the west tower secures the weakest part of the facing. Long beams were placed above the eighth floor windows on both the front and east side of the tower for

Dorm Flaws, Evident in 1979, Finally Reach Breaking Point

by Triff Alatzas News Editor

The renovations to the West Tower of Wynnewood stem from an error in the construction of the building, according to George Causey, Director of the Physical Plant at Loyola, The west tower was built without expansion joints and weep holes, devices within a building that allow settle-

Jane Witowski of Public Relations was jointly interviewed with Causey and elaborated on the construction. The expansion joints allow the wall of the building to breathe," explained Witowski. "The weep holes allow the moisture that gets trapped in the masonary to escape," she said, Without expansion joints and weep holes, the brick on the outside of the nove away from the outside of the concrete blocks that it is fastened to. "What we have to do is take the brick facing, the concrete block wall, and the exterior wall, tear it all down,

Causey explained the rest of the building is "structurally sound." The problems do not constitute a danger and the weakest parts (are) secured by the scaffolding and

Loyola's liabilities and possible legal coverage due to the incorrectly constructed building arc still under consideration, "We are looking into the possibilities," Witowski said, "hut that is still speculative."

Causey and Witowski said that the school has been unable to locate the engineering plans for the building. An outside firm had to come in and draw up plans for the building in order 10 assess the possibilities of

The school has been watching the building ever since they purchased it. Similar repairs had been done in 1979, but "nothing this severe." Witowski said.

The college decided to have an engineering firm survey the building

put it back up while building expan-sion joints and weep holes into the structure," she said. when they first noticed the "bulges" Causey said. The first sign of the buckling brickwork was in the spring buckling brickwork was in the spring of 1986. The school got a second opinion from an additional firm and decided to make the repairs based on the information both firms collected.

According to Causey, none of the plans were definite in his office until the week before spring semester

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--George Causey Div., Physical Plant

began. "We knew something had to be done, but were looking into every available option," Causey said. He and Witowski both confirmed reports that the repairs are planned to be finished in August,

Alterations to the rooms and

apartments in the lower are not expected to occur. Causey said that there has been no talk of changing anything. The college intends to stay with the apartment floorplan.

As for the east tower, Causey ex plained that it is under survey right now but the problem is not as large as that in the west. "At this point in time, the engineers feel the east tower is not in as severe condition as the west tower and can be repaired without disrupting anything," he said. He continued to say that the repairs on the east have not been schedulett an would not be done im-mediately after the west tower repairs.

The east tower was built in 1958, the west tower in 1959, and the middle connection in 1960 according to Witowski. She explained that the work will be done as soon as possible and that no problems have been foreseen. "Our primary concern now is to move ahead with the repair work and safely and efficiently move the tenants out of the building."

Wynnewood West **Evacuation Tests** Student Fortitude

making tentative plans for the move-ment of uearly 280 students from the west tower of Wynnewood and into spaces in the east tower and in Charleston Hall. All empty spaces will be filled and all suites and apartments in Charleston and Wynnewood will be required to house five people instead of four. McAuley and Ahern residents will not be required to take on addi-tional people but can if the current residents wish to.

Assistant Director of Residence Life Donna Swartwout said there were approximately 20 empty spaces in Wynnewood on the cast side. There are also 24 apartments where a fifth student will be housed. She expects to be able to move a total of 69 students into the east tower. Wynnewood suites already have five students living in

them.
Charleston Hall can accomodate 87 students in suites and apartments. All three bedroom apartments will be increased to six residents. Resident Assistants In both Wynnewood and Charlesion will increase their apartment size from three students to five students. Swartwout expects that with approximately 249 spaces available they will be able to accomodate everyone.

Swartwout stressed that the plans were tentative pending input from the students. "If students have better ideas," she said, "no one will say no." The approximately 30 seniors in Wynnewood west are the top priority of Residence Life.

At a meeting on Tuesday, January 13, the seniors discussed their options for the move with members of the Residence Life staff. They decided to draw numbers for a senior lottery for the open spaces on campus.

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Move week is effectively at a halt. Wynnewood west residents will have first priority at any housing on campus before move week will begin. No new residents will be allowed to move into the west tower.

Students wishing to break their housing contract will be dealt with on an individual basis. Susan Hickey, dean of residence life, said she would deal with requests to break contracts on a highly personal basis. Thosestudents breaking their housing contract will be entitled to a prorated refund. The Business Office has not

yet determined the amount of the re-

There is also the possibility of finacial compensation for some of the resident students Hickey said. While the Business Office has not yet deter-mined how much will be offered, Hickey believes any compensation will be based on "levels of effectedness," Those students living in west tower are the most effected and will get the most in compensation. Students taking in a fifth roommate are the next highest level of effectedness. Those students in Butler and Hammerman who may lose their lounges because of the need for rooms are the least effected and will probaly not be compen-

Hickey emphasized that Residence Life wants to make the move as easy as possible for students. There has been a mixed response as to whether students would prefer to move during move week or whether they would rather move at the beginning of March. Hickey wants to make both options

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Each student will take his or her bed, dresser, desk, and chair with them to the new apartment. Hickey is trying to work out a schedule where college personell will be present to handle the move. She also wants to



have a van available on weekends so that students who can not take advantage of the times the college is able to move their belongings will at least be able to have transportation to move themselves. Swartwout mentioned the possibility of reactivating the Evergreens to help with the move.

Swartwout is hopeful that students will make the best of the situation. The west tower has strong communities, she said. While it is unfortuanate to have to break them up, she feels that the strong friendships will be able to withstand relocation. "In a way, it is easier to do this to a good community," she said.

While their most immediate con-cern is for the seniors, there are other students on whom the move will be particularly hard. Swartwout feels it will be a "difficult move" for the nearly 40 freshmen living in Honors Hous-

ing,
"You can look at this as the community being destroyed," Swartwout said, "or crisis can make a community. There are loss of fun things you can do with this, like 1-shirts and move parties." Swartwout feels Residence Life will make every possible effort to accommodate students and make the move as easy as possible.



Wynnewood Facade Will Be Ready by Fall

by Terri Ciofalo Managing Edilor

Residence Life did not know that the west tower of Wynnewood would have to be evacuated until they received the final engineer's report on December 20 according to Donna Swarthout, Assistant Director of Residence Life, They had known since June that some repairs would have to be made but had not known how serious the problem was until

the final report.

Dean of Residence Life Susan Hickey said that the owner had in-dicated some problems with the building at the time of purchase but the school never "got a sense of it be-ing a large concern." When Hickey first accepted employment at Loyola she was not told anything unusual about Wynnewood.

Because of factors like the large number of student residents and water problems the building's condiwater problems the building's condi-tion deteriorated more rapidly than originally anticipated. Three separate engineering firms did surveys on Wynnewood and each presented a "worst case scenario" Swarthout ex-plained. The engineers reccomended that the work begin as soon as possi-ble

The earlist date for the construc-tion is March as at that time there will be no danger of a freeze. From March to September is the best time to do construction, Hickey said, because of the favorable weather

Swarthout said the March con-struction date was the earliest possi-ble time that all of the bricklayers

and construction crews could be assembled for the job.

Academic Vice President and Provost Tom Scheye further explained that no construction could begin until blueprints were drawn for Wyn-newoodd Towers. The original blucprints were reportedly lost in a flood at City Hall. Scheye also ex-plained that two surveys had been done on Wynnewood since the building was leased four years ago.
The present engineering firm of
Whitney, Baily, Cox, and Magnani is
in the process of recreating the blueprints.

The college will not be able to entertain bids for the job until the plans are complete so the cost of the repairs is still unknown. Scheye expects it will be "in the millions" but no exact figures are available at this time. Hickey said she did not expect tuition or housing expenses to in-crease more than usual due to the construction.

No interior changes are going to be made to Wynnewood, but the water pipes will be replaced said Hickey. She also said that the bathrooms and kitchens along the exterior walls would be reconstructed as well as the heating and air conditioning units. Swarthout said the windows would be replaced and the building would

be made more energy efficient.

Both Hickey and Scheye said the construction is expected to be completed by September. Hickey said the construction of the new building behind Wynnewood should also be complete at that time, but Scheye said it could be finished as late as

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Causey, Director of Physical Plant, explained the details of the Wynnewood rennovation using current renderings of the building



Mel Blackburn, Director of Administrative Services is handling the movement of the west tower tenants.

Non-student Tenants Have Special Problems

By Triff Alatzas News Editor

As Loyola College finds itself in the process of moving students from one dorm to another, they also have the obligation of relocating eleven non-student tenants currently residing in Wynnewood West. Mel Blackburn, Director of Administrative Services, is overseeing the movement of these tenants out of the west tower. the west tower,

Blackburn explained that when Loyola College bought Wynnewood Towers the conditions of the agreement were to provide year to year leasing to those residents already living on the premises. Therefore, it is Loyola's obligation to see that these tenants are taken care of, "We want to do everything to accomodate them," said Blackburn, "this is an unforeseen circumstance that we cannot control, and we have to do our best to resolve it.

The actual plans that the college expects to propose to the tenants have not yet been determined according to Blackburn. "We do not have a definite proposal yet because we need to speak to each tenant and then I have to meet with Mr. Melanson (Vice President of Finance and Ad-

(Vice President of Finance and Administration) and Father Sellinger (Loyola College President).

Blackburn explained that his secretary has been making appointments to meet with each tenant sometine next week. They were notified about a week after the students were told from a personalise. notified about a week after the students were told from a personalized letter from Father Sellinger," explained Blackburn. "We have to sit down and look at each case individually and find out what needs our tenants have."

Blackburn stressed that Loyolawill do everything in its power to aid the tenants. He added that both sides

the tenants. He added that both sides would have to give and take and commented, "if a tenant wants to be

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tainly grant that honor."

Blackburn was careful not to make any assumptions. "We can't speculate on any details yet, we want to make the best decisions clearly so we can get this business finished," he

Blackburn denied that the college would prefer that the tenants ask for a release from their contracts. "This has been these people's homes for years," he said, "and the college respects that,

Blackburn also stated that as of yet the school has not determined what offer will be made to the tenants. Blackburn believed the college would help with the expenses to move the tenants within the area but added,

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--Mel Blackbaru Dir., Admiaistrative

we need to set up what we can offer because what if a tenant wants to move to Hawaii? Will the school be

expected to pay for that?" There is a possibility that the tenants will be allowed to move back into the west tower when the con-struction is completed. But the col-

lege has not decided on anything yet. It was not until very recently that Blackburn was informed of the deci-Blackburn was informed sign to evacuate the building. "I found out sometine after the Thanksgiving Holidays and did not know that my office (T-5 West) would have to be moved until the Thursday morning before the spring semester began."

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